

This, that, these, those

Introduction



This way or **that** way?

Definition

We use **this**, **that**, **these** and **those** to indicate the people and things we are talking about.

Construction

| Singular | Plural |
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| 'this' (+ noun) this book | 'these' (+ noun) these books |
| 'that' (+ noun) that book | 'those' (+ noun) those books |

Uses

| Use | Example |
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| <p>To talk about near and distant people and objects.</p> <p>This and these for close people and objects.</p> <p>That and those for distant people and objects.</p> | <p>This is here.</p>  | <p>That is over there.</p> |
| <p>To talk about two (groups of) people or objects.</p> <p>This and these for the first object(s) or person/people we mention.</p> <p>That and those for the second object(s) or person/people we mention.</p> |  | <p>Do I take this road or that road?</p> |
| <p>Introductions ['this' + 'be' + person]</p> |  | <p>This is our accountant, Mr. Brown.</p> |

Examples



This present is for you.



Those are mountains in the Himalayas.



Those people are my colleagues.



These are my three daughters.



This is the new plan



That is the old factory.



Do you like **this** coat?



I prefer **that** jacket.

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